

In the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously amended) In a flexible fender mounting assembly for supporting a vehicle fender, the assembly having a fixed hollow housing, a hollow resilient member received by the housing, a hollow tube received by and attached to the isolator, and a fender support rod attached to the fender and to the tube, the improvement wherein:

the tube has a first portion received by the resilient member and a second portion which projects out from the resilient member to an outer end which spaced apart from the resilient member, and said outer end is bonded to an outer surface of the fender support rod.

2. (previously amended) The fender mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein:

the fender has a plurality of pairs of tabs projecting from an inner surface of the fender, each pair of tabs being spaced apart to form a slot therebetween, the fender support rod being received by said slots.

3. (previously amended) The fender mounting assembly of claim 2, further comprising:

a plurality of clamps, each clamp being attached to an inner surface of the fender to hold the fender support rod in the slots.

4. (original) The fender mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein:

the rod is bent to form a plurality of sections which extend at angles with respect to each other, and which are attached to the fender so that the fender cannot rotate with respect to the rod.

5. (original) A flexible fender mounting assembly for supporting a vehicle fender, the assembly comprising:

an elongated rod having a portion attached to the fender; and

a vibration isolator, the isolator having a fixed hollow elongated housing, a hollow resilient member received in the housing, a rigid cylindrical tube having a first portion received by the resilient member and a second portion projecting outwardly from the housing and the resilient member to an outer end, the second tube portion receiving an end of the rod, and said outer end is bonded to an outer surface of the rod.

6. (original) The fender mounting assembly of claim 5, wherein:

the fender has a plurality of pairs of tabs, each pair of tabs being spaced apart to form a slot therebetween, the rod being received by said slots.

7. (original) The fender mounting assembly of claim 6, further comprising:
a plurality of clamps, each clamp being attached to an inner surface of the fender to hold the rod in the slots.

8. (original) The fender mounting assembly of claim 5, wherein:
the rod is bent to form a plurality of sections which extend at angles with respect to each other, and which are attached to the fender so that the fender cannot rotate with respect to the rod.